

# GRAUSTARK

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1968G

"Fall 1906"

## RUSSIANS ENTER HOLLAND, FRANCE

ENGLAND (Walker): A Mar-Spe; F Mid-Ber; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Iri S F North Atlantic-Mid; F Bar S F Norway; F Norway S F North Sea; F Norwegien Sea S F North Sea; F North Sea not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Nelson): No moves received. A Pie & A Par hold.

GERMANY (Kening): A Bel S FRENCH A Par-Bur.

RUSSIA (Preenitz): A Hol, A Bud, & F Sev hold; A Kie S A Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Rum S A Mun-Bur; F Hel-North Sea; F Ben S F Hel-North Sea; F Swe-Norway; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A Smy-Gre; A Alb-Tri; A Pie-Mar; A Tun-Pie; F Spe(s.c.)-Por; F North Africa-Mid; F Ves S F North Africa-Mid; F Tyr-Lye; F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Jon, Mar, Nor, Por. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Per. (2)

GERMANY: Bel. (1)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mes, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, Var. (13)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Cen, Gre, Nap, Ram, Ser, Spa, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (12)

Russia may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. England must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1968.

Since Derek Nelson has missed a move as France, Margaret Gemignani should submit "Spring 1907" moves for France. In anticipation, she has submitted the French press release printed in this issue.

London (31 October 1968): Nearly midnight! And yet the lights still burn in Westminster Hall, as King-Emperor Hitler

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"Fall 1906"

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY COUNTERATTACKS

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Kie-Ber; A Bru & F Bal S F Kie-Ber; F Hel-Kie; A Hol S F Hel-Kie; F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; F Pie-Bre; F Eng-Mid; A Bel-Pic; A Lon-Bel; F North Sea C A Ian-Bel.

GERMANY (Neus): A Ber-Mun; A Rum S A Ber-Mun.

ITALY (M. Thomsen): No moves received. A Par, A Tyr, A Boh, A Tri, F Tyr, F Eas, & F Ion held. A Mun & A Vie dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Gal-Vie; A Bud S A Gal-Vie; A Rum S TURKISH F Bla-Sev; A Sil-Bok; A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Ere; A Mes-Jar; F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Grayson): F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (White): A Con holds; A Smy-Syr; F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Rel, Ber, Bre, Ben, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Jon, Nor, St.P, Swe. (12)

GERMANY: Mun. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (9)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mes, Rum, Ser, Vie, Var. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Russia retreats F Sev-Arm. However, since Russia has no supply centers left, this fleet is removed from the board. Italy may build two new units, and England and Turkey may each build one. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1968.

Kevin Roark, the first stand-by, should submit "Winter 1906" moves for Italy. They will be used if GRAUSTARK

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1967U

"Spring 1915"

GERMANS BREAK THROUGH TO EAST

GERMANY (M. Miller): F Bot G ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; A St.P S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; A Ber-Pru;  
F Bal S A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie & A Bur S A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Clark): A Ven-Pie; F Lyo S A Ven-Pie; F Apu-Ven; A Rom & A Tus S F Apu-Ven;  
F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Norway & A Fin not ordered, hold.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Pru S TURKISH A Sil-Ber; A Mar & A Mos S TURKISH A Liv.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Sil-Ber; F Ion holds, F Alb, F Adr. & F Eas S F Ion; A Tri-Ven;  
A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; A Boh-Mun; A Liv S ITALIAN A Fin-St.P; A Bul-Rom.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in Prussia is annihilated.  
The deadline for "Fall 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1968.

LAMPEDORRA: A strange aircraft flew low over this tiny mountain republic, leaving a trail of empty wine bottles behind it. Upon hailing the combination balloon-ornithopter-autogiro-volplane, the Lampedorrans learned that it was commanded by the French holdout Noah of Arc, who with the last remnants of French forces is wandering around the world looking for a place to establish a New France.

However, Pierre de Bonchance, former French charge d'affaires in Lampedorra, who now sells quiche lorraine from a pushcart in the capital, claims that the self-appointed saviour of France is really Pierre Danaletete, formerly village idiot of Doremi, and a deserter from the 3rd Latrine Police Company.

Noah of Arc requested permission to settle in Lampedorra, or failing that, a dozen cases of calvados. Instead, the Lampedorrans gave him a flask of fermented goat's milk and the directions to Grand Fenwick.

1967V

"Spring 1912"

TRUCE RUMORS STILL UNCONFIRMED

ENGLAND (Lehling): A Den-Ber; F Bal C A Den-Ber; F Bot-Liv; F St.P(n.c.) & A Fin  
hold; A Norway S F St.P(n.c.); F North Africa S FRENCH F Tun.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Kie S ENGLISH A Den-Ber; F Hei S A Kie; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A  
Ruh-Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Nes S F Lyo; A Gas & F Tun hold.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): F Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv; A Ber S AUSTRO HUNGARIAN A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Liv S GERMAN F Pru; A Sil S GERMAN A Ber; A Boh & A  
Tyr S A Mun; A Mun, A Pie, & F Gre hold.

TURKEY (S. Heap): A Bul-Rum; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Pie; F Tyr & F Tus hold; F  
Nap & F Rom S F Tyr; F Ion-Tun; A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv; A Sev not or-  
derec, holds.

\* Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON,  
SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1968.

GRAUSTARK, now in its sixth year, is the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy.  
Diplomacy, now in its tenth year, is a board game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and published by Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118.

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strives mightily to preserve His Empire. Even now, His Majesty is in consultation with His chief Minister, Baron Meliadus, discussing the probable outcome of the present struggle. Listen...

"As nearly as we can calculate, Your Majesty, we can expect a plus two on the McCullum scale, minus one from Reinsel, a plus two from Welker, and an undetermined, as yet, score from Lebling..."

PARIS: King Louis the Vegetarian has sent a small delegations to convert the Thurian General Stinch to the Enlightenment. Among delegations are Mr. Clean, a banker, three Analoeccerese, and a special present for Emperor Honj.

Honj called the Available is believed to be convert with his general. After seeing the light reflected on a large bridge, the leads on Miss La Reel's special's present) costume and Mr. Clean's free style westling of an azdyryth and such other offers & persuasion.

In regard to King-Emperor Huen XVIII the King replied "that upstart! This is a private party. We can mess-up - er - fix-up this globle by ourselfs. Henji and I can make mistakes - er - out alright."

POLLUTIDAR: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement reported success upon success in the Pollutidarean campaign against the Outer Crust nations. "France is in chaos!" Skratch the Lousy One told the Representative Diet. "The country seems to have two governments, neither of which was in control at the beginning of the war. One is headed by Dirk the Torious One, who has not been heard from since his motorcycle collided with a gorchet at Cro-Magnon. The other is led by King Louis the Vegetarian, but the power behind the throne is Peg the Cacographous One. Currently most of France is occupied by Horib forces."

"All France be partitioned?" asked a Zoramian delegate.

"No," Skratch replied, "but most of the population will be."

PEERI-PEERI, POLLUTIDAR: Lo-Rench, Go-sha of the Xexot city of Peeri-Peeri, has intervened in the election of a new High Priest of Fyu. There were three candidates for this post, which became vacant when the previous High Priest climbed out on a limb of the Sacred Five-Sided Mill Tree and sawed it off. The candidate, Mein-Humpf, claims to be the anointed heir of his predecessor, and observers agree that he does seem to be rather oily. Another, Norius, is once more rising in the priesthood after spending eight years in the burial crypte as penance for throwing mud during services. The third, Sal-ase, is High Priest of the Leanda Lurleen, and Keeper of the Sacred Dogs.

Lo-Rench is believed to favor Mein-Humpf, though he has recently proclaimed contempt for the whole electoral process.

POLLUTIDAR: At a meeting of the Representative Diet, the Amiocapan delegate Grug proposed that for the duration of the war with the Outer Crust all internal strife in Pollutidar be ceased. This proposal was met by a torrent of hissing, particularly from these Pollutidareen races which can make no other sound.

"Warfare among the races of Pollutidar does not detract from our strength, but adds to it!" responded Blab the Talkative One, Minister of Propaganda. "It keeps us in a constant state of readiness ~~for~~ war. Our cave-men, Mahars, Horibs, Mezops, and other ferocious warriors are wreaking such havoc in Europe solely because they have had centuries of practice on each other!"

Blab's words provoked a great patriotic demonstration on the floor of the Representative Diet, during which the entire Amiocapan delegation was roasted over a pit-fire built on the Speaker's Rostrum.

POLLUTIDAR: The Royal Azarian Restaurant (Azarian home cooking a specialty) announced the invention of a new dish, which will go on the menu as soon as England surrenders. "It will be magnifique!" said the chef, descendant of a French woman who fled through the South Polar Vent into Pollutidar after the French Revolution and who managed to arrive in Azar when the chief was too well-fed to indulge the Azarian appetite usually demonstrated to strangers. "It will be called 'Roi-Emperor dans son propre bassin'."

## THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

## Chapter LX

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, relaxed in his secret subterranean comic book library and looked back at a job well done. The sinister Pacifist plot to make the President lose interest in the war had been smashed; no longer was he working off his aggressions by slaughtering hogs in the White House basement. And the subversive truck driver who had provided him with the hogs was now driving an ammunition truck in O Phuc, Vietnam.

"Goshaw, O-O-Hate," said his teen-age assistant Burner, who is really Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Blessed Balthasar Gerard Theological Seminary. "What ever happened to that pig that the Pacifist turned loose in Mac's office?"

"It ran out the door and some Yippies caught it," O-O-Hate replied. "Since then the pig has starred in an off-off-Broadway play called Futz, and they say that if Pigesus J. Pig is elected President, she'll be his First Sow."

"But has the President really regained his enthusiasm for the war?"

"Let's see." O-O-Hate picked up the tomato can which was connected by a stretched string with a bean can in Mac's Washington office. "Peggy," he said to the operator, "connect me with the bug in the President's bedroom."

Soon a familiar pair of voices were heard in O-O-Hate's library and bomb shelter.

"It's gettin' late, Lyndon. You come to bald!"

"I'm sorry, Lady-Bird. I'm jus' too dayimn tahr'd."

"Shee-yit, Lyndon. I know what to do about that. Mar's that rayid phone?" A pause followed. "Is this-here the Pentagon? This is Lady-Bird. Mah husbin' wants the casualty report."

"How many of them little yellow monkeys did we kill this week?" the President asked. "More than two thousand? Yahoo! - And on our side? - Four hunderd eighty-nine? Hawt dayimn!" The receiver slammed. "Yahoo! I'm a wild bull from the banks of the Pe'rnacles! Gangway, Lady-Bird, heah I come!"

O-O-Hate turned off the bug and sighed contentedly. "Yes, Burner, everything's back to normal in Washington."

((But not for long. The Sinister Forces of World Peace have unloosed another plot. Follow O-O-Hate and Burner as they fight it in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.))

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOULLON - XXXI

The Russian Revolution had a more profound effect than World War I on the social and economic life of the Grand Duchy. Russians had always been prominent among the gilded noblemen who thronged around the gambling tables in the Grand Ducal Bourse, and those who survived the revolution were virtually impoverished.

The Grand Duchy's intelligentsia - a group very small in number - rejected conventional explanations for the revolution in favor of a theory more in keeping with the intellectual outlook of Beaucoillon. Henry Pike - later the Earl of Pike - put forth this theory with his usual vehemence and syntax in a description of one of the noble exiles, Count Alexander Oblowoff:

"Behind them, far behind them, under the ornate canopy, and wearing a dazzling white uniform, that of the old Imperial Guards, emblazoned with a sheaf of medals, silver and gold, crescent and starshaped, clasped over gay little ribbons, and crossed, all of them, by a silken sash tucked under a military belt from the heart of the Caucasus, which tied in the tunic itself around a paunch of impressive proportions, though not out of scale with the rest of the person whose legs were fitted with the most elegant boots, polished black with tall heels and spurs and carelessly resting, one over the other, in an attitude of seignorial ease, which, alone, would indicate the high breeding of their owner if there hadn't been as well his peaked mustache drawn to a sliver at each end and held there by a waxing which kept them bristling all the day

long as if drawing attention to the fact they belonged to a noble who would take no insolence or slight, though he was capable of committing the grossest insult unabashed, with an art and manner which had almost disappeared from the face of the earth with the assassination of the Czar and the court of all the Russias by men who could not brook that others should revel in the singular lecheries of the royal chambers while they had to content themselves with a street-corner tart whose talents were dubious, limited and lacking in the refinements and cunning they suspected were rampant within the palace walls - the very ones this self-same noble riding up the Baron's drive before us had relished with his peers during that brief, mad epoch's last fling to heaven and hell before it was snuffed out of existence to make room for a world of reason."

1968B

"Telephone Diplomacy":

Gamesmaster: John Beshara

"Fall 1904"

Following "Spring 1904" moves Russia retreated A Gal-Ukr.

ENGLAND (Comber): F Bar-St.P; F North Sea-Den; F Ska S F North Sea-Den.

FRANCE (Komada): F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F Eng-North Sea; F Spa(a.c.) & F Mar hold; A Bel-Bur; A Hol-Kie; A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh.

GERMANY (Linden): A Ber S RUSSIAN A Boh-Mun; F Kie S F Den; F Den S F Kie.

ITALY (Berman): A Tyr-Vie; A Alb S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre; F Ion holds; F Tyr S F Ion; A Ven-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Gal-Mar; A Bud-Via; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA (Champer): A Norway holds; F Swe & A Fin S A Norway; A Boh-Vie; A Ukr-Mar; F Rum S TURKISH A Con-Bul.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre; A Ser-Bul; F Bas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats F Den-Bal. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, St.P. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre, Bud, Ser, Vie. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Mun, Par, Per, RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, Rum, Sev, Swe, Mar. (6) Spa. (8) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

GERMANY: Ber, Kie. (2)

ITALY: Nap., Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

England builds A Edi and F Lon; Germany removes F Kie.

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doesn't hear from Mehran Thomson by the next issue.

LONDON (2 November 1904): Prime Minister Townsend announced today that British sea forces have been dispatched to the Black Sea to assist Russian forces in that region. Several vessels of the battleship and heavy cruiser class have already moved out into the Atlantic Ocean, Townsend said, and others are outfitting at Brest.

Mr. Townsend noted that the Revolutionary Government of Russia has made repeated public requests for British assistance in recent months, but that His Majesty's Government had been unable, until now, to render substantial aid, because of the German conflict.

Coincident with Townsend's announcement, the government released the text of its

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## SURVEY OF READERS' OPINIONS

Twenty-two GRAUSTARK readers sent in their opinions in the poll mailed out with GRAUSTARK #165. Their recommendations on stand-by and deadlock policy generally support existing GRAUSTARK practices. Detailed results follow:

1. What procedure should be followed with regard to player substitutions?

A. If a player fails to send in moves, no substitute should be brought in.

B. His pieces stand until dislodged as provided in the rules for over-the-board play.

C. A substitute for an inactive player shall be brought in only if the inactive player resigns in writing to the Gamesmaster.

D. The present GRAUSTARK rules regarding stand-by players and substitutions shall remain in effect. (See GRAUSTARK #151, p. 5.)

E. Reinsel's drop-out rule shall be followed. (See his Big Brother.)

F. Other.

2. GRAUSTARK deadlines are set at noon of alternate Saturdays. Eighteen players authorized the Gamesmaster to call them collect if their moves are not in by 9 PM of the previous Friday evening.

3. Fourteen players prefer the present 14-day deadline for "Winter" removal and build moves. Two opted for 16 days, 3 for one week, and 2 for other periods.

4. Often two powers or power alliances will be deadlocked against each other for several moves. Under what conditions would you prefer the declaration of a stalemate when this happens?

A. Under no conditions.

B. If 3 full game years go by without a piece being built, removed, or annihilated, and without a supply center changing hands.

C. If, upon being polled by the Gamesmaster, all players are willing to agree upon a stalemate.

D. If no player can send the Gamesmaster a plan for winning which, in the opinion of the Gamesmaster, is practically realizable.

(Seven players also endorsed a suggestion whereby this decision could be appealed to another Gamesmaster.)

E. Other.

Following these results, the Gamesmaster announces that the existing GRAUSTARK rule on stand-bys and substitutions will continue without change. So will the two-week deadline for "Winter" moves. Draws will be declared under conditions "B" or "C" described above in question 4. A questionnaire concerning a draw in 1967V has already gone out to the 5 surviving players.

The complete rules of postal Diplomacy, including stand-by and draw policy, will be printed in GRAUSTARK #168.

The Gamesmaster wishes to thank the participants in the poll: Ronald Berman, John Beshara, Frank Clark, Margaret Gemignani, George Grayson, Gary Gygax, George and Sherry Heap, Terry Kuch, James Latimer, Bill Linden, Harry Manegg, Eugene Presnitz, Mehren Thomson, Buddy Tretick, Charles Turner, Conrad von Metzke, Chris Wagner, Rod Walker, Charles Wells, & Jerry White.

Some of the readers had additional comments:

**BERMAN:** If one power group or single country can demonstrate that his position is impregnable and he has no desire to vary his moves, the Gamesmaster may declare a draw subject to appeal.

**BESHARA:** I prefer the policy used in Telephone Diplomacy, though it may not be easily adaptable to mail Diplomacy. Since I am violently opposed to players winning by default when other players fail to submit moves, my policy is:

a) Substitute moves are not used. However, a player who does not submit moves for two consecutive seasons or frequently misses moves, may be expelled by the Gamesmaster and a replacement player appointed. The replacement will be given additional time to negotiate and submit moves, so that no country will be allowed to stand vacant for two consecutive seasons.

\* b) Unordered units will stand. If dislodged, they may retreat. Other countries may support unordered units of another country.

c) Dislodged units not ordered to retreat will be annihilated, except that a unit dislodged will automatically retreat to a vacant space if there is only one space available. Players may refuse to retreat and have the unit annihilated, but they must so advise the Gamesmaster when there is only one space available in which to retreat. Two or more units retreating to the same space are all annihilated.

Since I do not allow a country to stand unordered for two consecutive seasons, a dislodged unit not ordered to retreat would not be annihilated if that player had missed his previous moves. Were that to happen, a permanent replacement would take over, unless I had assurances from the player who misused his moves that he would continue the play in a responsible manner, and the replacement player would be given additional time to negotiate before submitting a retreat.

Your policy of annihilating unordered, dislodged units and annihilating all dislodged units when there is only one space in which they all could have retreated is abhorred. ((However, it happens to be fully in accord with the rules of the game.)) My feeling is that if one of the players submits a retreat and the others do not, the player who submitted the retreat should be allowed to do so.

...I think it is frequently an undue hardship to ask players to make conditional moves. In "most" cases players can submit possible retreats with their moves and should extend themselves to do so. Further, when a retreat is due, they should so inform the Gamesmaster within a day or two. Also, if the retreat is relevant to only one other players, the individual submitting the retreat should inform the other player simultaneously by carbon copy.

GEMIGNANI: I don't believe your game rules are at fault. It's your deadline. Really bad weather in airstrike or slow-down - around Christmas & Easter these weeks isn't out of place.

The Gamesmaster shouldn't use "black" program either his own or anyone else unless the other players agree to it.

GEORGE HEAP: I suggest that players be dropped for missing two consecutive moves, as at present. But the resignation-substitution should be handled in such a manner that the other players know who is playing. Ex: If Germany misses a turn, without announcing resignation, only the original player can make the following move. Or, I don't want to be conducting Diplomacy with a standby who may not even be in the game (and who conceivably could take over another country later).

((On Question 4)) Yes to D & E, but with the provision that the Gamesmaster waits until some reasonable time (either no supply center changes in three game years, or a 'perpetual' trade of one or more centers exists) before asking for winning strategy.

SHERRY HEAP: I suggest that if a player fails to send in moves for one game season, his pieces stand until dislodged and a substitute will be brought in to play the next season and at this time the first player (inactive) must send in his resignation or acknowledges that he will be submitting moves for the next season within an allotted amount of time, say 4 days. On receipt of this information the Gamesmaster will contact all players of the inactive players decision and moves the deadline date ahead - but only if absolutely necessary. This last stipulation enables any allies, etc., of the inactive player, to know with whom they should correspond.

KEY: If two consecutive moves are missed by a player, he should (in all fairness to the other players) be promptly replaced by the Gamesmaster...Two weeks. ((for minor moves)) since not all games are on the same season at the same time any other decision would foul up your publication schedule. Besides, the published rules call for three seasons per year...If three full years go by without a piece being built, removed, or annihilated, and without a supply center changing hands, then I would

O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflame  
• Optic  
N Nerves,

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## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In all the strife and concern over Biafra, it's encouraging to see that the Canadian government is doing its part. As Biafra is invaded by savage Nigerian soldiery bent on utterly exterminating the Ibo tribe, the Canadian Post Office announces that mail franked with Biafran stamps "will be treated as totally invalid and taxed for the collection of double the deficiency from the addressee." Butting here is 15-1 that the money thus collected will not be used for famine relief in Biafra.

How does that grab you, Henry Ford fans?

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Meanwhile, John Robert Colombo observes: "Canada could have enjoyed English government, French culture, and American know-how. Instead it ended up with English know-how, French government, and American culture."

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Dr. Terry Kuch has discovered an addendum for the "Directory of Unfamiliar Quotations", extending a remark of General Lesley J. McNair cited in GRAUSTARK #150. General McNair was quoted in Time for 23 November 1942 as saying: "We must hate with every fiber of our being. We must lust for battle; our object in life must be to kill. There need be no pangs of conscience, for our enemies have lighted the way to faster, surer, crueler killing. They were past masters. We must hurry to catch up with them if we are to survive."

Dr. Kuch further reports that General McNair was accidentally killed by U. S. forces in World War II, thus joining a select company of war dead that includes Karl XII of Sweden, Stenewall Jackson, and Mickey Marcus. (Some historians think that King Karl's death by a Swedish bullet was not altogether accidental.) A war college is today named after him.

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Working as an amateur, a Wall Street executive named Stuart R. Kaplan has duplicated Allan Calhamer's feat of inventing and successfully marketing a board game.

Kaplan's game is called "Student Survival", and parodies major features of campus life today. According to an account in the New York Times of 20 July 1968, "players enroll in courses, take examinations, go on dates and to fraternity parties, always strategically avoiding the twin threats of being drafted or becoming engaged to be married".

Mr. Kaplan graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955; as reported in the Times and in ads, the game is better adapted to that far-off date than to 1968. A more modern game would include the Students for a Democratic Society, the Institute for Defense Analysis, seizure of buildings, pot busts, and the Pill.

"Student Survival" is \$5.00 at Brantano's or from Holiday House, 200 Bellevue Theater Building, Upper Montclair, N. J. 07043. A review is solicited from GRAUSTARK readers.

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Meanwhile, more conventional "simulation" games are attracting attention in the press. The Baltimore (Md.) Daily News reported on 26 August 1968 on a convention of the International Federation of Wargamers at Lake Geneva. According to the report, which was sent to GRAUSTARK by the convention's organizer, Gary Gygax, the Avalon-Hill games were the most popular.

Meanwhile, Ethel Lindsay sends a report from The Scotsman of 27 July 1968 on a notable Scottish collection of toy soldiers. The collection is owned by Ian Hamilton, a retired Royal Navy commander and president of the Scottish Model Soldier Society. According to reporter Bill MacGregor, "the Commander recoiled with horror when I suggested that sons must enjoy joining in father's hobby. 'No fear,' he said emphatically, 'the models are too precious to let the boys get their paws on them!'"

(This sort of thing may solve the "war toys" problem right there.)

Commander Hamilton publishes a monthly newsletter for the society, many of whose members play war games with their collections. The figures illustrated in the report are fantastically detailed.

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"The advantage of being a spy as of being a soldier is that there is always a larger reason - the reason of state - for making any little scruple or nastiness shrink into insignificance." - Jacques Barzun.

The Augustan Society has some more acts of disrespect to royal and noble personages, living and dead, for its indignation. In his column of 8 October 1968, Walter Jinchell cites such an act as an example of errors in the press. "The New York Times once reported: 'The happiest head of a royal house anywhere is Crown Prince Rupprecht, 86-year-old pretender to the non-existent Bavarian throne. Almost everyone in Bavaria loves Rupprecht. He is a symbol of fun and frivolity - a living link with Bavaria's good old days.'" Jinchell then goes on to observe that Prince Rupprecht had died a month before the Times had published this item. Furthermore, the Times had printed his obituary and several stories about his funeral.

Rupprecht's claims, which encompass not only the phantom throne of Bavaria but also the thrones of England, France, and Scotland, have descended to his eldest son Albrecht.

Meanwhile, Representative Kenneth Hechler (Dem., W. V.), a political scientist by profession, used the august name of Richard I of England in a piece of rhetoric addressed to his colleagues. According to columnist William Umstead in the New York Daily News of 20 October 1968, "he admonished his fellow members that lessons could be learned from the notables of the past... 'I am confident that if Richard the Lion-Hearted were here today, our colleagues in the House of Representatives would have been able to enjoy a full night's sleep instead of the 46 roll calls we experienced in one day and night last week.'"

Umstead concludes that "Hechler didn't say what Richard would have done about it."

The lesser orders of the bluebloods are also having their troubles. The Marquess of Bristol complained that he was listed in the Cambridge phone book as a pub! According to a story in the New York Post of 10 October 1968, the confusion arose because many British pubs are named after titled persons. In Cambridge, for example, there is a public house called "the Marquess of Cornwallis". To cap the insult, the Post headed the story as "The Marquis de Suds".

"Made of durable plastic, G. I. Joe has been specially designed so that he can assume positions that a real life Marine can." Or so says a war toy ad quoted in Rat, 9 August 1968. Rat observes that G. I. Joe is "manufactured in the Far East to take advantage of low wages...the war toy industry prepares your son's mind to one day return there and defend our business interests."

David Johnston sends along a press release for Turkey: "Put your money on the Bob-tail Nag, But I'll bet on the Bey". In a more serious vein, he notes that his war-game group in Columbus includes "the programmers responsible for on-line computing systems and...considerable experience in logical-matrix programming". Perhaps we can anticipate a revival of David McDaniel's ill-fated efforts of 5 years ago to program a computer to play Diplomacy.

At the World Science-Fiction Convention in Berkeley, your Gamesmaster met a handsome man in his 20's who wore a name tag: "Charles Turner, Walnut Creek, Calif." With him was a girl labeled "Ann Turner". I naturally assumed that this was Charles Turner, Diplomacy fan and divinity student. However, when I introduced myself I found that this Charles Turner, who spoke with a slight southern drawl, had never heard of Diplomacy or me. I came to the conclusion that either there was a second Charles Turner in the Walnut Creek/Pleasant Hill area or that I was on the receiving end of a well-executed put-on. In answer to my inquiry, Andy Swenson feels that the former explanation is correct. Our Charles Turner answers fairly well the physical description I sent Andy, but is unmarried; his sister is named Peggy, not Ann. Apparently there are two Charles Turners at large around Walnut Creek - a prospect boggling the mind.

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pell the players concerning declaring the game a stalemate. If, however, any one player or bloc can set forth a plan that has a practical chance of succeeding, the game should continue.

KUCH: ((A draw should be agreed upon)) if all remaining players are conducting defensive strategy for two years.

THOMSON: Koning's rule makes good sense.

((That may be. But this rule, which would permit ENGLAND: A Bel-Pic even though France blocks it with A Par-Pic, provided England also plays A Pic-Par; A Bré S A Pic-Par, is flatly contradictory to the rules of Diplomacy.))

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note to the Italian government, requesting that the latter's naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea be recalled to home ports "to insure against any unfortunate incidents that might arise during passage of His Majesty's ships."

A spokesman for Admiralty said that British naval units could make coaling stops in Spain and Portugal, and also at Italian ports pursuant to an agreement to be negotiated with the Italian government.

LONDON (2 November 1966): Prime Minister Townsend announced today that a British expeditionary force had been landed yesterday in Belgium, and that British units already in Belgium had been ordered into France. Townsend said that the infantry units were necessary to protect the British enclave of Brest, which has been threatened by French nationalist forces.

Townsend noted that there has been a breakdown of order throughout France since Italian occupation forces were withdrawn for military action in Germany.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Sultan Abdul Hamid II solemnly requests assurances of the intentions of the Italian fleets off the coast of the EMPIRE.

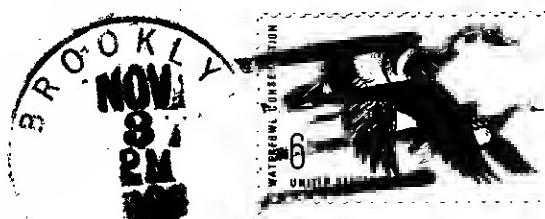
BROOKLYN: So does the Gamesmaster!

James Latimer points out that the "Merrimack" about whose spelling he is curious is the college he attends (and a nearby river).

Red Falke sends along the real answers to the "Where is that Place?" quiz he posed in GRAUSTARK #164. They'll be printed in #168 if space is left after the moves, press releases, and serials, and the reprinting of the postal Diplomacy rules used in GRAUSTARK.

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